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may we QUOTE



you on that?

[1] NIKITA S KHRUSHCHEV, 1st Sec'y of Soviet Communist party, in an interview broadcast over U S tv and radio networks: "I can prophesy that your grandchildren in America will live under socialism. And please do not be afraid of that. Your grandchildren . . . will not understand how their grandparents did not understand the progressive nature of a Socialist society." . . . [2] LOUIS GIRARD, elder brother of Wm S Girard, U S soldier released to Japanese for trial on manslaughter charge: "I'd like to tell Pres Eisenhower personally what I think of him. But I don't know how I'd ever be able to contact him. He's probably out playing golf somewhere." . . . [3] CHMN JOHN L MCCLELLAN, of Senate Rackets Committee, on action of Dave Beck, Jr in repeatedly invoking 5th Amendment: "I doubt that the Founding Fathers ever contemplated such flagrant abuse

(of 5th Amendment). If the courts sustain your right (to refuse to answer questions) then America faces a grave danger. Law enforcement may break down." . . . [4] SPRUILLE BRADEN, former Ass't Sec'y of State, testifying before House For'gn Affairs Committee on for'gn aid: "Never did so many give away so much for so little." . . . [5] QUEEN ELIZABETH II, in an address marking Commonwealth Youth Sunday: "Our young people are growing up in a world as full of the possibilities of adventure as it was in the age of my predecessor, Queen Elizabeth I." . . . [6] SIR ANTHONY EDEN, concerning his recent illness: "Each time you fell the animal, it takes a little bit longer to get to its feet again." (Sir ANTHONY remarked that he does not anticipate again becoming active in political life.)

17th year of publication



Let's talk today about "deficiency appropriations." This is a Congressional stratagem too little understood by bill-paying citizens. It is a condition that makes a gov't budget—any budget for any fiscal yr—relatively unrealistic.

In a great show of economy, Congress will vote a specific project, or a certain Department, an obviously inadequate sum. Then, in the calm of a later session, when the limelights are burning low, the original am't will be supplemented by a "deficiency appropriation."

A good deal of that sort of thing is going on right now in Washington. In several instances budget cuts have been made in funds where the U S has fixed commitments. This is unadulterated accounting hocus-pocus. The funds will have to be restored.

There are instances, of course, where a Department over-spends its appropriation, made in good faith, and must be bailed out via

the deficiency appropriation. We had a dramatic instance a few wks ago when Postmaster Gen'l Summerfield reduced mail service drastically in order to wring from a reluctant Congress an add'l appropriation to keep the couriers on their appointed rounds thru the fiscal yr ending June 30th.

The deficiency appropriation, when not used to aid and abet evasion, serves a practical and essential purpose. Sometimes budgets go askew as a consequence of unanticipated and unavoidable factors such as price increases. (If steel goes up, for example, you can readily see that many Defense estimates will be directly affected.)

In the final analysis, it is not the sums budgeted, but the *actual expenditures* that are significant. Those are the figures to watch. So, don't be too concerned over budgeting arguments in Congress. They mean very little.

We have said before, and now repeat, that any tax reductions voted in '58 will be at the expense of an unbalanced budget.

Check us on this a yr hence.



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He who never quotes, is never quoted.

ADVERSITY—1

Rightly conceived, time is the friend of all who are in any way in adversity. For its mazy rd winds out of the shadows sooner or later into sunshine, and when one is at its darkest point one can be certain that presently it will grow lighter. —ARTHUR BYRANT, *Illustrated London News*.

AMERICA—2

If you think N Americans are a vigorous people who love to exert themselves physically, are not afraid of work no matter how hard, just watch the natives in the business center of any U S town. They'd rather park illegally, pay a fine, or go to jail than leave their cars two blocks away and walk to their destination. — ARMANDO S PIRES, "The Natives are Friendly," *Americas*, 5-'57.

AMERICA—Americans—3

Americans have not listened enough. The Ear of America has shrunk: the Voice is sometimes raucous. — ERWIN CANHAM, quoted by BERNARDINE KIELTY, *Ladies' Home Jnl*.

ART—4

Art is imagination or intuition, the first primitive stage of the spirit, sharply differentiated from knowledge obtained thru the intellect. — BENEDETTO CROCE, quoted by NATHANIEL POUSSETTE-DART, "The Artist as Critic," *Design*, 3-4-'57.

BEHAVIOR—5

Be kind. Remember everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.—T HARRY THOMPSON, *Sales Mgt*.

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Always hold your head up, but keep your nose at a friendly level. —*Automotive Service Digest*.

BUSINESS—6

American business in recent yrs has come to a point of view which makes the modern business as responsible to the public for its social performance, as it is to earning its way thru profits. The job of mgt is more like that of a public official rather than the traditional owner. — HOLGAR J JOHNSON, pres, Inst of Life Ins.

CHURCH—Attendance—7

A small child was asked whether she was Church of England or Non-conformist and the reply was that she was neither: she was radio. The little mite really thought that listening to a service on radio or television was the same thing as going to church. — FAITH FORSYTE, *Tit-Bits*, London.

COMMUNISM—8

Communism counts upon two deadly factors: secrecy and surprise.—*American Mercury*.

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By Les & Liz
Carpenter



Despite repeated denials by scientists and weather experts, countless citizens remain firmly convinced that the tornado siege is due to nuclear bomb tests. Thousands are swamping the U S Weather Bureau and the Atomic Energy Commission with demands that the tests be stopped.

The Weather Bureau says nothing can be done about tornadoes—except to rep't their movement more accurately. The only sure-fire way to stop them: cut down the Rocky Mtns and cool off the Gulf of Mexico. They are caused by cold air from the Rockies meeting sultry heat from the Gulf, starting a vortex or whirl when the winds are operating.

The Bureau urges people to retire to basements or cellars when tornado warnings come. It is pointed out that not a single person in an underground retreat has been killed as a consequence of tornado action.

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The Gov't is hoarding a batch of diamonds valued, according to Gen'l Accounting Office estimates, at more than \$1 million. The stones have been seized by Customs over a period of yrs.

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CRIME—9

Offenses known to police numbered 2,563,150 last yr—more than 300,000 over '55. 13.3% increase was largest ever recorded for single yr; brought crime rate to 43% higher than '50. Juvenile delinquency increased nearly 20% in '56, making it worst yr for juvenile crime in 26 yrs of FBI's records. Total of 234,474 children under 18 were arrested.—J EDGAR HOOVER, director, Fed'l Bureau of Investigation.

DECADENCE—10

Revolutions are perhaps successful less often because the revolutionists are powerful or cunning than because the old institutions have decayed too much to question the new pressures. Men all too often put new wine into old bottles, with unhappy results. — DON K PRICE, *Gov't & Science* (N Y Univ Press).

DIET—11

It takes a lot of will to be a wisp.
—MARJORIE J MARSHALL.

DRINK—Drinking—12

All drinkers are not drunks, but all drunks are drinkers.—*Australian Temperance Advocate*.

EDUCATION—13

It strikes us that most parents would rather experiment with laying a tile floor than with educating their own children.—SAM DUKER & THOS P NALLY, *The Truth About Your Child's Reading* (Crown).

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An adequate education opportunity is the only thing a democratic society can give its children—anything else becomes charity.—JIM CHERRY, sup't of schools, Dekalb Co, Ga, *Education Summary*.



Rating the Magazines

Dr Richard W Husband, industrial psychologist, presents in *Fortune* (June) a survey of those who graduated in his class at Dartmouth in '26. This is a serious endeavor to match the individual's classical record with his subsequent economic progress. Survey tends to refute some popular beliefs, such as contention that brightest students fall by the wayside in their efforts to achieve practical success. Out of 22 Phi Beta Kappas, Dr Husband rep'ts that 13 are now earning \$20,000 a yr or more. On the other hand, of the group rated as outstanding successes, 25% were leading athletes in college. This rep't should stimulate some further, and more exhaustive research.

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"Church Mbrship is Too Easy," declares Richard L Keach, in *Christian Herald* (May). Author points out that church leaders are becoming alarmed by "decent Godless people" who consider church mbrship a social must, but lack religious conviction or conversion. Recommendation: more emphasis on training prior to becoming church mbr; trial period in which prospective mbr shows serious intentions by regular and active attendance; examination by official bd. Conclusion: "A faith that costs nothing is worth not much more than that."

Manchester Guardian rep'ts a "fantastic shortage of guitars" in England, due to the invasion of American-type music. The humble washboard (or as the British say, "domestic scrubbing board") has also risen in popularity, for its musical, rather than utilitarian potential.

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In *Farm Jnl* (May) Claude W Gifford analyzes recent rep't of President's Commission on Increased Use of Agricultural Products; contemplates such future prospects as plastics made from corn and the possible use of millions of tons of grain as additives in the bldg of roads.

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Surveying the nuclear aircraft situation in *Flying* (June) Harry E Baer, Jr predicts: The U S is on the threshold of atomic aviation. Prospects for nuclear-powered flight are 100% brighter than a yr ago. Our 1st A-plane should be airborne by '60.

A successful A-plane, the author points out, will revolutionize flight. On less than one lb of enriched uranium, an A-plane could fly 100,000 mi's; would eliminate need for world-wide chain of military air bases. Only limitation: man's stamina and ability to stay aloft.

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EXPERIENCE—14

Experience is that which recognizes a mistake the 2nd time you make it.—*Gilcrafter*.

GIFTS—Giving—15

A noted Christian woman was making her way thru the crowded st's of a city when she met a woman who asked her for money. This Christian woman really did not have any money to spare, but she graciously repl'd, "Sister, I am sorry but I have nothing to give you." Immediately the eyes of the beggar grew bright with warm appreciation, and she said, "Madam, for you to call a poor wretch like me sister is a better gift than all the money you can give me." — Mrs PAUL HALLADAY, *Union Signal*, published by Nat'l Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

GOODNESS—16

You cannot teach anyone to be a good man. Goodness is not intellectual — it's contagious. It is a quality which "rubs off" of good men to make better men of those who are exposed to it. — HENRY CRIDER.

GUIDANCE—17

I believe in the power of important quotations. I always keep a few in my mind to think about. Whenever I need words to cheer me I want the best that can help me. I am never alone. I can always join the best minds of the centuries. In their great thoughts I can find the courage to believe in the best that I can find in myself.— ELMER G LETERMANN, *Provisionen fallen nicht vom Himmel*, publ'd in Germany (QUOTE translation).

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HAPPINESS—18

It is true enough that a poor man cannot possibly be happy. The reason is that a happy man is never poor. — UNCLE LEVI ZINK, *Farm Jnl*.

IMMORTALITY—19

I once heard a Methodist bishop say that when he was a very young minister he was called to the bedside of an elderly woman who had obviously but a few hrs left for

Quote scrap book

The phrase, "Lafayette, we are here," is often erroneously attributed to Gen JOHN J PERSHING. The words were spoken by an officer on Pershing's staff, Col CHAS E STANTON, 40 yrs ago (July 4, 1917) concluding a ceremony at the grave of the Marquis de Lafayette. Col Stanton said:

In time of our peril France came to our rescue. We have not forgotten. Lafayette, we are here!

this world. The bishop admitted that he was badly frightened but the old saint was completely relaxed and radiantly happy. He tried to commiserate with her and muttered something about how sorry he was that she had to die, but she wouldn't hear any such talk. "Why, God bless you, young man," she said cheerfully; "there's nothing to be scared about. I'm just going to cross over Jordan in a few min's, and my Father owns the land on both sides of the river."— Editorial, *Alliance Wkly*.

LANGUAGE—20

Complex human thought is impossible without words. The evidence indicates that it is language that gives man his unique place in nature. With his power to manipulate words, and so to reason on many levels, he surmounts the need of fang and armor.—STUART CHASE, *Power of Words*.

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If a man is judged by the company he keeps, in business he is judged by the English he speaks. The person who habitually uses clichés, slang, profanity, and other improprieties of speech reveals an immature, shiftless or untrained mind.—E F WEBB, Gen'l Electric Co, "English in Business and Industry," *Kentucky School Jnl*, 5-'57.

LIFE—Living—21

"What is life's heaviest burden?" asked a youth of a sad and lonely old man.

He ans'd: "To have nothing to carry."—E SCOTT O'CONNER, *Ladies' Home Jnl*.

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When a patient completes tests at the Mayo Clinic he is frequently given a card on which is a diagram of a cross. On each arm of the cross is a word representing a main element by which a normal human being lives. The words are "work, play, love, worship." If the person examined seems to be short on one of these it is indicated. Lopsided living is a common cause of ill-health and boredom. The Mayo analysis is close to the Christian prescription for the cure of boredom.—DAVID A MACLENNAN, "Priming the Preacher's Pump," *Church Mgt*, 5-'57.

MANNERS—22

Manners are like the cipher in arithmetic; they may not be much value in themselves, but they are capable of adding a great deal to the value of everything else.—*Mutual Moments*.

MODERN AGE—23

Even when I deplore the so-called mad pace of the competitive life, I recognize what it has done for our people as a whole. Much of ancient community life was ingrown and lasted ages for lack of opportunity to improve it. . . I'm sorry that communication has run wild and that there are no islands any more, but many of those islands were the prisons of the common man.—HARRY HANSEN, *Chicago Tribune Magazine of Books*.

MUSIC—24

Music is God's gift to man, the only art of heaven given to earth, the only art of earth we take to heaven. — WALTER SAVAGE LANDOR, quoted in *Instrumentalist*.

FUTURE—25

Parents are not obligated to give their children a secure future, but they are obligated to give them a secure foundation on which to build their own future. — *Survey Bulletin*.

PEACE—26

Questions of peace are decided not by brave warriors locked in mortal combat, but by little chaps with high foreheads.—DAVID LOW, quoted by MIES SPETTER, "Peace is Our Task," *Ethical Outlook*, 5/6-'57.

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America

America, 1st sung in public by Boston school children 125 yrs ago (1832), is not officially our nat'l anthem. But it is universally accepted as our great hymn of praise and thanksgiving.

America was written by SAM'L FRANCIS SMITH, at the age of 24, while still a student at Andover Theological Seminary. Humming thru some old German music one afternoon, one tune in particular struck young Smith's fancy. (He did not at the time recognize it as the tune of Britain's nat'l anthem, God Save the King.) "I instantly felt the impulse to write a patriotic song to that melody," the author later declared. "Picking up a scrap of paper, I wrote at once, probably within half-an-hr, the hymn America."

Dr Smith's classmate at Harvard Univ, Dr Oliver Wendell Holmes, once said of the classic effort:

Smith's name will be remembered by every school child in the land, when I have been forgotten for a hundred yrs. He wrote "My Country 'Tis of Thee." If he had said "Our Country" the hymn would not have been immortal, but that 'My' was a master stroke. Everyone who sings the song, at once feels a personal ownership in his native land. The Hymn will last as long as the country.

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PREACHERS—Preaching—27

An American soldier was being shown over an old church in England where hundreds of people had been buried.

"A great many people sleep between these walls," said the guide, indicating the inscription-covered floor with a sweep of his hand.

"So?" said the soldier. "Same way over in our country. Why don't you get a more interesting preacher?"—*Builders.*

RELIGION—28

Of no serious subject are many foolish things said as of religion. Most of them go unrefuted; indeed, most of them go undetected or at least unremarked. If I were to say that New York City is a hamlet of some 23 people on the lower Mississippi, I should be howled down. If I were to write that milk is a black powder made from rotted hickory nuts and used to take finger prints, the letters of rebuttal and ridicule would break the postman's back. But anyone can say or write any wildly absurd thing about religion and get away with it.—JOHN S KENNEDY, "Two Statements: Analyzed," *Information*, 6-'57.

RIGHT—Wrong—29

All progress is made by men of faith who believe in what is right, and even more important, actually do the right in their private affairs. You cannot add to the peace and good will of the world if you fail to create an atmosphere of harmony and love right where you live and work.—THOS DREIER, industrial editor.

RUSSIA—America—30

America must keep the promises which the Russians are making.—ANTHONY E SOKOL, *Ethical Outlook*.

pathways to the past



Picnic Month (July)

June 30—St Paul's Day (sometimes observed jointly with *St Peter's Day*, June 29).

July 1—Beginning of U S Gov't fiscal yr. . . . *Canadian Dominion Day*. (This yr marks 90th anniv of British N American Act, granting Canada dominion status.) . . . 110 yrs ago (1847) U S postage stamps placed on sale for 1st time. (Stamps had been used for some time by private companies, before handling of the mail became a Gov't monopoly.) . . . 95 yrs ago (1862) Pres Lincoln signed the Pacific Ry bill, providing for a rail line across the nation. Union Pacific was to bld westward from Council Bluffs, Ia; Central Pacific eastward from Sacramento, Calif. Strong rivalry was occasioned by provision granting loans up to \$48,000 for each mile completed. . . 25 yrs ago (1932) Franklin D Roosevelt nominated by Democratic Party for presidency at Chicago convention.

July 2—30 yrs ago (1927) Helen Wills won women's tennis crown at Wimbledon, Eng. . . 20 yrs ago (1937) Amelia Earhart and pilot Frederick J Noonan lost in Pacific on round-the-world flight.

July 3—Dog Days begin. . . 220th anniv (1737) b of John Singleton Copley, important early American painter.

July 4—Independence Day. . . 155 yrs ago (1802) U S Military Academy at West Point, N Y, opened

with 10 cadets. . . 140th anniv (1817) beginning construction of Erie Canal. . . 1st public rendition of *America*, by Boston public school children 125 yrs ago (1832). Written by Dr SAM'L FRANCIS SMITH, clergyman (see GEM Box). . . 85th anniv (1872) b of Calvin Coolidge, 30th Pres of U S (d 1933). . . It was only 10 yrs ago (1947) but seems much longer that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, of China, issued a proclamation stating that Communists were in open rebellion against the gov't. He ordered gen'l mobilization of manpower.

July 5—30 yrs ago (1927) Atlantic City, N J, put on a belated and unscheduled fire - works exhibition, when the famous boardwalk was consumed by flames. Some 30,000 rounds of ammunition in an artillery display ignited, hurling missiles in all directions. Many hotels and store bldgs burned.

July 6—Feast of St Thos More ("the ideal Christian"). . . 210th anniv (1747) b of John Paul Jones, American naval hero of the Revolutionary War. . . 45th anniv (1912) opening in Stockholm of Olympic Games in which Jim Thorpe became 1st athlete to win both pentathlon and decathlon.

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SALESMANSHIP—31

An enterprising salesman decided to bypass the merchandising mgr, and go directly to the store pres. When asked, "What are you trying to sell?" the salesman repl'd, "I'm not here to sell you. My boss asked for a survey of the city to find out whether there was a store good enough to handle his product." The result was a personally conducted tour of the store and an impressive order. — *Dun's Review & Modern Industry*.

SPEECH—Speaking—32

I have long since learned that if a speaker will only strike the right note of despair and boredom at the outset, his audience may file out at the end, somewhat weary, it is true, but murmuring to each other as they leave, "Well, at least the speaker got a little better as he went along."—JOS N WELCH, "The Challenge of the Learned Professions—the Law," *Jnl of the American Judicature Soc'y*, 4-57.

SPIRIT—33

Some men can accept a staggering setback with much more resignation than they can put up with the little vexations and difficulties of daily living. However, it is the small things that most reveal one's spiritual stature.—*War Cry*.

TAXATION—34

Sir Wm Flinders Petrie, the great archeologist who knew much about civilizations that have died and men who have starved, said that democracies consume themselves thru excessive and unjust taxation until they collapse and are succeeded by the Man on Horseback or the rank growth of the jungle. — SAM'L F PETTINGILL, quoted in *Christian Economics*.

Again this spring hybrid corn is saving the economic neck of the Mid Western farmer. Heavy rains have made it impracticable to cultivate fields at normal time. But the old adage that corn must be "knee-high by the Fourth of July" is now completely obsolete. Some quick-maturing hybrid corns may be planted as late as July with reasonable assurance of maturity. June planting is almost routine.

Altho hybrid corn has been a commercial factor for only a quarter-of-a-century, experiments go back more than 200 yrs. Jas Logan, a Quaker, and onetime Governor of Pennsylvania, opened the door to corn improvement in 1727.

Progenitors of today's hybrid strains are the "flint" and "gourd-seed" corns grown by Indian tribes. (You'll still find "flint" corn grown on Indian reservations.) A mating of these strains produced dent corn, our commercial staple for many yrs. Hybrid corns of today are a consequence of further intensive inbreeding.

Now, better than 90% of all U S corn acres are planted with hybrid seed. The use of hybrid corn is spreading rapidly in Europe. In Russia, hybrids were opposed by Lysenko, chief Soviet geneticist. But Khrushchev's visit to Iowa in '54 brought about a change in policy.

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TOLERANCE—35

Tolerance: That uncomfortable feeling that the other fellow may be right after all.—*Personnel Adviser*.

TRUTH—36

Too much truth must not be drunk by an empty head. Every fanaticism holds some small goblet of truth from which its adherent has drunk too freely.—*LOUIS L. WILSON, The Husk*, published by English Club of Cornell College, Ia.

VALUES—37

A hole is nothing at all, but you can break your neck in it.—*AUSTIN O'MALLEY, Keystone of Thought* (Devin-Adair).

WAR—Peace—38

It is the people and the politician who make war and the soldier who makes peace. — Gen HUGH LENOX SCOTT, *Memoirs* (Century).

WOMEN—39

A woman marries the first time for love, the second time for companionship, the third time for support and the rest of the time from habit.—*HELEN ROWLAND, Wisdom*.

WORLD RELATIONS—40

Many people of the world think of us as a nation of gangsters, all of us filthy rich, only interested in pleasure and fun, but there is another side to America that sometimes they do not see.

America at the moment has taken a position of world leadership. Now the question that many people around the world are asking is if we have the moral leadership to direct the free world. I feel a revival of religion in America would do more to give us this moral leadership than anything that we could do.—*BILLY GRAHAM, evangelist*.



Addressing the Real Estate Brokers of Baltimore last wk, Clarence W Mitchell, director of the Washington Bureau of Nat'l Ass'n for Advancement of Colored People, pointed out that white families in our urban centers are moving to suburbs, while the colored population of large cities steadily increases. He presented the distinct possibility that Negro mayors may be elected in N Y, Chicago and Philadelphia within a decade.

Dieters may find food for thought in statistics just released, which place Holland at the top of longevity list, despite the fact that its citizens generally are overweight, and almost never diet.

Speaking of diets: if you are concerned about canine calories, there's a new low-fat, high-protein dog food on the way, especially prepared for the 87% of our dogs who don't get enough exercise.

Another exercise-eliminant for parents: you can now buy a crib with electronic controls which start it rocking when baby cries.

Note on the Grate Outdoors: Barbecue pits and outdoor ovens continue to flourish. Says a maker of charcoal: "Not since the burning of Rome has there been greater interest in outdoor fires."

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This is Sen Estes Kefauver's story: A reporter asked a Republican Congressman to define "modern Republicanism." A passing Democrat broke in and declared: "Modern Republicanism is excitingly and dynamically conservative. It is neither inflexibly traditional nor discordantly progressive. It is at once distinctive and secure, but never overwhelming or confining. It has dignity, quality and dependability.

"It is designed for men and women of early middle age with an income of over \$25,000 a yr and a net worth of at least \$75,000."

"My goodness," said the reporter, "where did you ever get that?"

"It was simple," the Democrat repl'd. "I took it right out of an ad for the Lincoln Continental."—*United Press.* a

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Dee Williams, former Cub catcher, silently watched one of his team mates jawing away at Umpire Charlie Berry. Naturally the player lost the argument and everybody started moving back to their positions. It was then that Dee turned to Berry.

"Charlie," he said quietly, "answer me one question: How do you get your square head in that round mask?"—*Scholastic Coach.* b

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

ERNEST BLEVINS

I hope sincerely that things are going well for a young lady I encountered some mo's ago in a small college town, at the end of the semester.

I was standing near the hotel desk when this co-ed approached and addressed the room clerk:

"I'd like to make a reservation for the June Commencement wk-end — one room for my parents and one for my fiancé." Then, in a somewhat lower confidential tone, she continued: "I haven't a fiancé yet, but I expect to have one by then."

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I shall never forget my 1st speaking experience, at Vassar. A fashion editor escorted me, and I carried along some hats. As I stood on the platform and looked at that cackling gathering of *hatless* girls, I wondered, "What am I doing here?" I couldn't utter a word. I tossed the hats into the audience and walked away. Fate caught up with me: The other afternoon a customer said, "My mother has had one of your hats for 20 yrs. She caught it at Vassar." — Mr JOHN, "It Had To Be Hats," as told to NANETTE KUTNER, *Good Housekeeping*, 6-'57. c

During the course of the conversation, the mother asked her daughter, "What makes you think your young man has matrimonial intentions?"

"Well," said the daughter, "when we were looking at Easter hats, he tried to convince me I'd look better in a \$2.98 model than in one that cost \$15.00."—Arkansas Baptist.

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The man being admitted to the hospital was taken into a room and told to prepare for an examination. He had stripped to his underclothes when there came a knock at the door.

"Come in," he called. A woman entered. "I'm the dr," she said briskly. "Please undress completely."

The man did as he was told, then endured a searching, detailed examination. "All right," the lady dr said at last. "You can put on your pajamas now and get into bed. Anything you want to know?"

"Yes," said the man. "Why did you knock?" — *Digest of World Reading*, Melbourne, Australia.

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A recently ordained minister was explaining to the bishop why he had resigned from his first charge. "There were thirty-four girls, old maids and widows there all eager to marry the pastor," he said.

"Well," said the bishop, "you know there's safety in numbers."

"Not for me," repl'd the minister. "I found it in Exodus." — MARIAN DEALAND, *Together*.

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The Old-Timer

The old-timer is one who can remember when the stranger who accosted you on the street was a panhandler, and not a recruiter for an engineering firm. — HAROLD COFFIN.

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An old-timer can recall when a shoemaker stuck to his last and wives stuck to their first.—MAURICE SEITZER.

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Old-timers can reflect back to the day when you couldn't get corned beef and cabbage in a drug store.—FRANCES RODMAN.

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Old-timers: those who recall when radio activity was mostly static.—VESTA M KELLY.

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An old-timer is a man who can remember when the bright sayings of children were printable. — DAN BENNETT.

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Old-timers remember the day when a landlord painted the apartment if you threatened to move.—Bloomington (Ind) Herald-Telephone.

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Old-timer: One who can remember cubed cigarettes, with an aroma like a fire in a Chinese laundry. — T HARRY THOMPSON, Sales Management.

Quote

While I was over at Schulz's house their parrot suddenly began swearing. Frau Schulz was embarrassed. "We . . . we didn't teach him that," she stammered. "He thought it out all by himself."—*Revue*, Munich (QUOTE translation). g

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In our parish, which had few permanent parishioners but many non-contributing transients, income was falling rapidly, so our pastor decided to station ushers at the door to suggest to visitors that they leave 25¢ for pew rent.

Unfortunately, the first two ushers to get the job were quite belligerent about it. One of their friends came in at 10 o'clock Mass and was vigorously reminded to put his quarter on the table.

"I only came back to get my hat," he protested. "I was at the 8 o'clock Mass and I left it on the seat."

The ushers waved him in, but after he had gone a few steps, one of them rushed forward, plucked his coat sleeve, and said, "Remember, now, you're only to get your hat—no praying!" — *Catholic Digest*. h

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Card trick of clichés: Ace—reporter. King — of the cowboys. Queen — for a day. Jack — of all trades. Ten—commandments. Nine—day wonder. Eight—day clock. Seven—yr itch. Six—months probation. Five—o'clock shadow. Four—sheets to the wind. Three—blind mice. Two—peas in a pod.—NEAL O'HARA, *McNaught Syndicate*. i

Quote

This guy worked in a bakery and was paid by the loaf to slice bread. He had a regular knife and was slicing one loaf at a time. Then one day he had an inspiration. What if he bought a longer knife and sliced 2 loaves at a time? He went to the cutlery shop, grabbed a longer blade, and began to earn twice as much money. Content for a time, the slicer then began to think of doing 3 at a time. The cutlery shop, alas, was unable to supply a longer knife. But the guy spotted an antique shop with a sword capable of the 3-loaf task, and so he went to work, earning 3 times as much money as before.

This pleased him only for a short while, and he began to think of more money. The cutlery and antique shops were unable to help. He kept searching, but no luck. He was about to give up when he passed a butcher shop one day and saw a huge cleaver in the window. The fellow went in, saw that it would cut 4 loaves of bread, and bought it at a fancy price.

After he left the butcher's he was walking down the street, cleaver under his arm in a package, and he was smiling his best smile. A friend intercepted him and asked, "What are you so happy about? This must have been your lucky day."

"It sure was," said the slicer, "I found a four-loaf cleaver." — JEROME BEATTY, Jr., *Saturday Review*. j

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After one shuddering bite, the customer beckoned the waitress and asked, "Miss, what's wrong with these eggs?"

"Don't ask me," snapped the waitress. "I only laid the table." — *Oklahoma Covered Wagon*. k

Richard Armour



Hard To Swallow?

A small radio has been devised which, when swallowed, will send news of the digestive tract.—News item.

This tiny radio I've noted,
And only hope it's sugar coated,
Which, when it's settled in its
bower,
Will send out newscasts on the
hour.

What news down there? I shall not
quiver
To hear of trouble in the liver
Or learn that there's a feud be-
tween
My duodenum and my spleen.

Whoever's in there, come and fur-
row
Your brow and make like Edward
Morrow,
I'd like to know, although I wors-
en,
What says this person to this per-
son.

Though others be not breathless
waiting,
And I achieve no topflight rating,
To me, the middle me's at least
As crucial as the Middle East.

I used to be embarrassed when
I heard my stomach growl, but
then,
I'm now a sort of laboratory
And eager for the inside story.

"And here is the time of your birth," said an informative mother we've been told about, leafing thru her young son's baby book, with the young son on her knee. "See? Eleven-forty p m."

"That's 4 hrs after my bedtime," remarked the young son, accurately.—*New Yorker.* 1

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Here's a disappointing experience: A man decided to substitute candy bars for cigarets. The only trouble was, he simply couldn't keep the candy bars lit. — *HUGH SCOTT, Today.* m

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By far the worst part of teaching, paper grading, is sometimes lightened by entertaining wrong answers and original spelling:

"In mid-evil days the country was organized on the old futile system. . . We must learn to coke with the situation, use the upmost care, and not take anything for granite."

Another day we read aloud Sir Walter Raleigh's poem *The Silent Lover*.

The boy I happened to call on to tell the meaning of this poem grew red. "It means," he said, "that-uh-the feller that-uh-does a lot of talkin' don't get much lovin' done." — *PAULA REED, "Some People's Children," Ladies' Home Jnl, 6-'57.* n

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Rec'd in the mail: "Please send me the name of a good book on personal hygiene. I think I've got it."—*Wooden Barrel*, hm, Assoc'd Cooperage Industries of America. o

Quote

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Prof WALTER ORR ROBERTS, Univ of Colorado High Altitude Observatory: "I'm convinced space travel is not for our generation. For myself, I do not consider this much of a loss."

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D HOWARD DOANE, chmn, Doane Agricultural Service, St Louis: "Government cannot do something for you without doing something to you."

2-Q-t

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GYPSY ROSE LEE, strip-tease artist: "I spent \$3,000 each on some of my costumes. It costs a lot of money to shake those damned beads."

3-Q-t

SECOND CLASS MATTER

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These items are related only in that they're good ideas for summer. The 1st one involves safety when using power mowers. A slip can be dangerous if you're cutting a steep downhill slope; now you can guide mower from a safe distance, with the help of a Y-shaped chain that clamps to each side of the mower. Chain has a wood handle. (We still think it's a good idea to keep pets and small children out of the vicinity.) Guide chain is \$3.95 from *Genal Products Co, Box 36, Overland 14, Mo.*

The car refrigerator *per se* is not spectacularly new, but here's a new version of it—and more nearly automatic than any we know about. This one fits under the dashboard, works off vacuum from engine manifold, uses gasoline from fuel line as refrigerant. We don't know its cubic footage, which is obviously small, but it does hold 6 or 8 bottles, and a few cans. Should be adequate for most travelers. \$77.50 (F O B) from B & M Corp'n, Houma, La.

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